

Open House Press Release –(7-31-15)

Come and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Door County Justice Center! The public is invited to an Open House to be held on Wednesday, September 30th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Justice Center at 1201 S. Duluth Ave. in Sturgeon Bay.

Everyone is invited to see the vehicles and tools the Door County Sheriff's Department utilizes to perform its duties in keeping the county safe. Here is an opportunity to learn about the new technology the Door County Circuit Court uses to perform its functions. Visitors will be guided through the various departments and facilities by county officials, employees, and representatives.

Ever wonder what it would be like to be arrested? In addition to the general open house, sixty visitors will have a special opportunity to participate in sessions that simulate the process of moving through the criminal justice system. These guests will witness an individual proceeding through active law enforcement dispatch, stop, investigation, arrest, booking into the jail and court appearances.

Selection of the sixty participants will be done on a “**First come – first serve**” basis. Members of the public wishing to register for this part of the open house can pick up an application from the Sheriff Department's front desk at the Justice Center or download it from either the Door County Sheriff's Department website (www.doorcountysheriff.org and click on the 'Community Involvement' button located on the left side) or the Door County Government website (www.co.door.wi.gov and click on the 'Community Events & Links' button located in the left column).

For security reasons, participants in the special sessions must be eighteen years of age and are subject to a background check. The completed form **must be** turned in to the Sheriff Department as soon as possible. Sessions will be held at 3:30, 4:15, and 5:00 PM.

The Justice Center Open House is the second part of an initiative to create an opportunity for citizens to learn more about how their county government works. It is a step in the creation of a Citizen's Academy.